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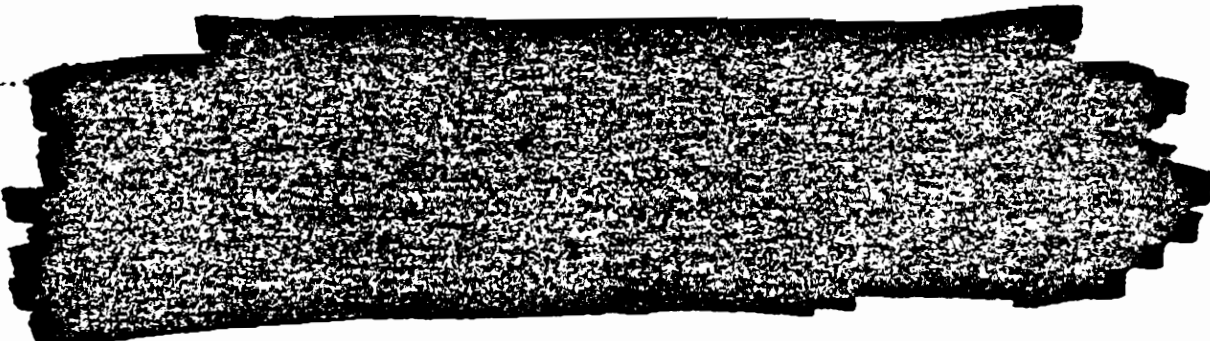
"way a national exchange of views will be aired on the theoretical and political issues raised. Each club will pay for the publishing costs and anyone can contribute articles representing any view or tendency.

"The conference passed resolutions on civil liberties, academic freedom, ~~the Sobol case,~~ for the return of passports of students who went to China, Smith Act victims.

"Sentiment was also overwhelming for the support and fight for circulation of the Young Socialist especially on college campuses. There were all told some 140 delegates representing mostly students on college campuses. All of those giving the report were greatly stirred to push harder to build up the Y.S.A. in New York and pledged themselves to fight harder for the building of the new national organization.

"Paul and Anne Marie noted the enthusiasm of the young delegates on peace and urged further work with the Committee for a Sane Nuclear policy. She made the point that she had joined the Y.S.A. because she heard they were interested in peace and would have a symposium or at least a discussion of it. She said she had attended two meetings and had heard nothing on that point. She urged that one of the first points to be discussed on the new educational forums for members be this vital topic.

"Renee announced a meeting of the educational committee for Tuesday night at her home. Tim is recovering from an attack of the flu in Connecticut.



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Informant was unable to furnish any information regarding the location of meetings of this group.

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SAC, NEWARK (100- )

2/28/58

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

On 1/30/58, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA WILLIAM G. LINDMAN with a mimeographed letter on the letterhead of captioned organization, dated 1/28/58, announcing that the Washington Heights and Bronx Sobell Committees were to have a thrift sale starting 2/8/58. This letter was signed by EMILY ALMAN for the Committee and is maintained as an exhibit in NY 100-107111-1B865.

On 2/14/58, [redacted] furnished SA WILLIAM G. LINDMAN with the following items:

1. Printed copy of a sermon delivered by Reverend ERWIN A. GARDE, Unitarian Society of Westwood, January, 1958 concerning the MORTON SOBELL case. In his sermon, Rev. GARDE states, "—I believe this case to be a gross miscarriage of justice."

This printed copy of the sermon is maintained as an exhibit in NY 100-107111-1B866.

2. A printed postcard addressed to [redacted]

This postcard is maintained as an exhibit in NY 100-107111-1B867.

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1-New York (100-107111)

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FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 2833 DATE 2.28.58

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-133598) (7-1)

5/3/58

JOHN P. DI MARCHI, SA (12-15)

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
IS - C

SOURCE:

[REDACTED] b7D

CHARACTERIZATION:

Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

CONCEALMENT:

Conceal and paraphrase to protect identity.

DATE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY:

[REDACTED] b7D

DATE RECEIVED:

[REDACTED] b7D

RECEIVED BY:

JOHN P. DI MARCHI

LOCATION:

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] the above informant advised that on [REDACTED] he had attended a class given by HARRY WELLS at [REDACTED] b7D

Source submitted a typewritten report, a copy of which is being made a part of this serial.

1 [REDACTED] b7D

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Attended Class given by Mr Harry Wolls [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Class started 8:30 P.M. and ended 10:30 P.

There is nothing of importance to report, just a regular class with a slant towards Marxism.

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There were [REDACTED] students present. b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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P.S.

A petition for release of Sobell was passed around and everybody signed it.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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3/4/58

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

RE: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE; 100-107111-2835  
 IS - C. CINAL.

Re Los Angeles teletype 2/26/58 concerning transfer  
 of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz.

[REDACTED] advises [REDACTED] has now received information  
 that MORTON SOBELL was in fact  
 transferred from Alcatraz to the Federal Prison at Atlanta,  
 Georgia, on 2/20/58. Informant advises the LASC [REDACTED]

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- 3 - Bureau (AM REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (Info)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - New York (Info)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-41648)
- 1 - Los Angeles 100-43372 (CINAL)

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Source [REDACTED] to SA J. F. RUSSELL, 3/3/58.

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3/1/58

SA HERBERT K. STALLINGS

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE  
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Source

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Characterization

Who has furnished reliable information in the past. (use I symbol).

Date of Activity

2/2/58

Date Received

2/11/58

Agent to Whom Furnished H. K. STALLINGS

Location of Original Report

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The informant's verbatim report is attached herewith.

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Adelphi Hall  
74 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N.Y.  
February 10, 1958

At the above place on February 9, 1958 [REDACTED]  
I attended a meeting of the Sunday Evening Forum.  
The topic was to be, "The Long Path to Full Freedom."  
The speaker Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. [REDACTED]

There were about 65 persons present at this  
meeting. Harold Collins was the Chairman. [REDACTED]

The petition was to free Morton Sobell. [REDACTED]  
The Committee to Secure Justice for  
Morton Sobell is located at 913 Broadway. [REDACTED]

Dr. DuBois spoke rather briefly & as I felt  
rather tired. He more or less read a outline of how he  
felt the Capitalist nations try to destroy Communism in  
the Soviet Union up to the end of the Second World War.  
He also said a few nice thing about FDR and commented on  
how Harry Truman turned his back on the Russian People. He  
had surprisingly little to say about the negro peoples.

The meeting ended rather early, 10:30 p.m. and  
due to the cold weather everyone went home.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT Rosenberg / Sobell Comm.

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voices have been raised for my husband's freedom. Many have felt that his being sent to Alcatraz was an extreme example of the pressures and vindictiveness of the period in which he was tried. His transfer from Alcatraz is an indication that we are moving into a more rational time. It is our hope and belief that this action is the prelude to his freedom, for he does not belong in any prison.

"We thank with all our hearts those who have helped us in the past, and those who will continue to help obtain my husband's release and prove his innocence. We hope and pray that he will be able to come home to us soon. It is already eight years that he has been in prison, more than five of them in Alcatraz, and now he must still endure the rigors of Atlanta. Neither justice nor humanity can be served by his continued imprisonment. We will continue our efforts for Morton's freedom with greater energy and lighter hearts because one part of the burden of injustice has been lifted from our shoulders."

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-107111-G)

DATE: 3/11/58

FROM : SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, 7-2

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

On page 11 of the March 10, 1958, issue of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN is the following notice of future events in the section entitled, "CALENDAR".

"HELEN SOBELL - Fri., March 14, 8 P.M., The MARKOWITZ'S, 91 Swan Lane, Levittown, L. I. For Directions: Phone PERshing 5-8172. Please plan to attend. Support Justice for Morton Sobell."

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- 1 - 100-107111-G (CSJMS-MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES)
- 1 - 7-4 Supervisor - Tickler

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>ALBANY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>MAR 11 1958</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/6, 22, 26; 12/3, 9, 11</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT S. PEA</b>	TYPED BY <b>ONE</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

Preface set out. Syracuse Sobell Committee, 100 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, NY, identified as affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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Informant advised representative contacted Sobell regarding in NYC 11/30/57 and 12/1/57.

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LILLIAN REINER set out newspapers in 6/57 furnished by CSJMS.

Informants made available report on National Security Conference in NYC 11/30 - 12/1/57.

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[REDACTED]

informant advised correspondence from CSJMS in 12/57 to [REDACTED] CP member contained list for exchanging information which contained the name and address of the chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

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DETAILS:

PREFACE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL," the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1643, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell will be referred to herein as the CSJMS.

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The August, 1957, issue of a four page tabloid-type newspaper published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done" lists its official address as:

National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell  
940 Broadway, New York, New York, telephone AL 4-9983.

On October 15, 1957, the name "Sobell Committee" was observed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be listed on the building directory and on a mail box, both maintained in an entrance to the building at 940 Broadway, and indicating that the Sobell Committee occupied Room B at that address.

The August, 1957 issue of a four page tabloid-type newspaper published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done" lists as one of its affiliates "Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, telephone number 72-2106."

The Syracuse, New York Telephone Directory in use prior to March 17, 1957, listed telephone number 72-2106 to HOWARD L. REINER (wife, IILLIAN) at 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse.

Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] on March 11, 1951, advised that IILLIAM REINER was not known as a member of the Communist Party at that time but as Chairman of the American Labor Party, was closely associated with Communist Party members. b7d

Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] on January 23, 1957, advised that on January 22, 1957, IILLIAN REINER described herself as Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee. b-2

ACTIVITIES OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on December 29, 1951, that ELSIE [REDACTED] attended a Communist Party meeting at [REDACTED]

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The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on September 26, 1957, that the President of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell or the Sobell Committee was at that time HELEN L. SOBELL.

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[REDACTED]

on February 2, 1944, identified Helen GURBOWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL), as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C., as of February 1, 1944.

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[REDACTED] On November 26, 1957, Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] stated that the name RAISCH (ph) was pronounced "POYCE;" that HELEN RAISCH resides in the Euclid Avenue area, Syracuse, and her husband is a doctor, possibly at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

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Mrs. NELLIE FRAWLEY, Personnel Officer, Veterans Administration Hospital, Syracuse, advised on November 26, 1957, that LAWRENCE G. RAISZ (pronounced RAYZ) resides at 745 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, New York, and his wife's name is NELLIE M. RAISZ.

Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] furnished on November 6, 1957, the following invitation mailed on November 4, 1957, return address 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York:

" YOU ARE INVITED

to the

FIRST SHOWING IN SYRACUSE

of

JOHN WINGATE's

Night Boat  
INTERVIEW WITH HELEN SOBELL.

This stirring TV telecast reached New York City audiences on October 11. We now have the opportunity of seeing and hearing it here in Syracuse for the first time.

Date: Saturday, November 9, 1957

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cohn

629 Clarendon Street

Light refreshments will be served  
(Admission free)"

Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] advised on November 22, 1957, that a meeting was held on November 9, 1957, at the home of NELLIE and LEON COHN, 629 Clarendon Street, Syracuse, New York, for the purpose of showing a film of the interview of HELEN SOBELL on the "Night Boat" program in New York City. Albany [redacted] advised that those in attendance included

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Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] stated that EDWIN WAGNER operated the projector with assistance from STEPHEN BELLIN, who was called from his home, but remained at the meetings after the projector was started. Albany [REDACTED] stated that after the film was shown, LILLIAN REISER requested that, although she was Chairman, ROBERT JAMES conduct the meeting. JAMES suggested that the meeting be left open to discussion. [REDACTED] stated that MORTON SMITH and Mr. FRANK discussed all details of the case thoroughly, including all legal aspects, and that Mr. SMITH and Mr. FRANK gave the impression of having read all literature on the subject of MORTON SOBELL. b-2

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Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on May 27, 1953, that as of May 17, 1953, IRON COHN was active in the American Labor Party at Syracuse, New York, and had been associated with numerous Communist Party members in the American Labor Party from 1942 to 1953. b 7d

Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on June 22, 1954, that DAVID WEINSTEIN was a member of IWO Lodge number 21, Syracuse, New York, in the latter part of 1953. b 7d

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The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised on July 17, 1952, that [REDACTED] carried a Communist Party card while in the United States Army in 1945.

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Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on December 5, 1952, that ELIZABETH ALLEN and JANE ANDERSON, sisters at Canastota, New York, were long time members of the Communist Party at Syracuse, New York.

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On January 23, 1957, Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised that LILLIAN BAKER stated that JANE ANDERSON was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

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Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on April 1, 1957, that EDWIN WAGNER was an upstate New York official of the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on July 9, 1952, that JANE THOMPSON, elected Educational Secretary of the Syracuse Women for Peace on June 25, 1952.

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The Syracuse Women for Peace has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on November 15, 1952, that [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] advised on September 15, 1952, that **EDWARD ROSE** was a member of the Communist Party at Syracuse, New York, as of that date, and was described on that date as a charter member of the Communist Party at Syracuse, New York.

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Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] advised on November 26, 1956, that **EMERY PESKO** was a member of the Communist Party at Syracuse, New York, as of November 20, 1956.

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Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] advised on November 10, 1952, that **MORTON GEIGER** was a member of the Onondaga County Communist Party Committee as of that date.

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Confidential Informant Albany [redacted] advised on August 5, 1952, that **PATRICIA GEIGER** attended [redacted] meeting of the Onondaga County Committee of the Communist Party [redacted]

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[REDACTED] advised on December 19, 1957, that FREDA MILLER was known as a close associate of LILIAN REINER.

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FUNDS OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on October 8, 1957, that the Sobell Committee of New York City had requested

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[REDACTED] advised on August 6, 1957, that she had received a letter on August 2, 1957, addressed to [REDACTED] from Mrs. LILLIAN REINER, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse 10, N.Y. [REDACTED] stated that she had opened the letter and found it contained a newspaper regarding MORTON SOBELL, who was connected with the ROSENBERGS. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that she did not read the newspaper which she considered to be worthless propaganda, but immediately called Mrs. REINER and attempted to determine where Mrs. REINER had obtained her name. She stated that Mrs. REINER mentioned the name of Rabbi HYMAN as having furnished her names of various persons two years ago. [REDACTED] stated that she had advised Mrs. REINER that she did not know Rabbi HYMAN and had not been in Syracuse two years. b7D

[REDACTED] stated that she made other efforts to determine how Mrs. REINER had obtained her name and had determined through contacting various persons that Mrs. REINER had probably obtained her name through [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] made available a newspaper entitled, "....that Justice shall be done", a Newspaper to Secure Justice in the Case of Morton Sobell, August, 1957, edition, published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and the envelope referred to above addressed to [REDACTED], return address, Mrs. LILLIAN REINER, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York. b7D

Interview with [REDACTED] # 100-13260 b7D

on 8/6/57 at [REDACTED] Dictated  
by Special Agent ROBERT S. REA b7D 8/6/57



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INTERVIEW REPORT

[REDACTED]  
advised on August 12, 1957, that his wife had received mail from time to time concerning the Morton Sobell case and he desired to make available the latest piece of literature distributed by LILLIAN REINER concerning Sobell. b7D

[REDACTED] made available at that time an envelope addressed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with the return address "Mrs. Lillian Reiner, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse 10, N.Y.," which was postmarked August 3, 1957, at Cazenovia, New York. Enclosed within this envelope which had been opened was a copy of "Newspaper to Secure Justice in the Case of Morton Sobell," entitled "...that Justice shall be done," August, 1957, issue, published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. b7D

Interview with [REDACTED] b7D File # 100-13260

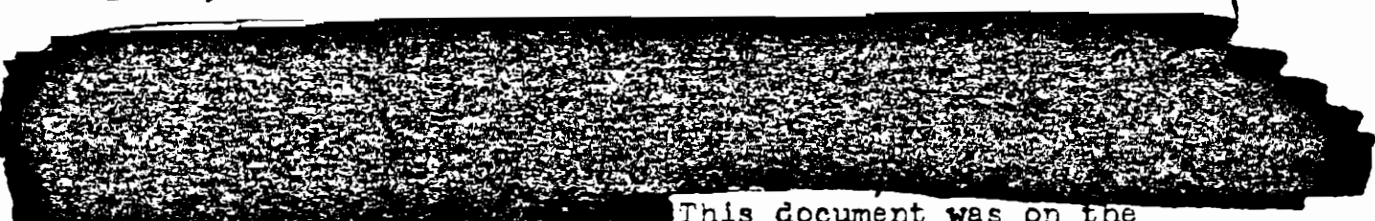
on 8/12/57 at [REDACTED] NEW YORK Dictated 8/6/57 b7D

by Special Agent ROBERT S. REA

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 This document was on the stationery of the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway (entrance on 22nd Street), New York 10, N.Y., , Algonquin 4-9983, entitled "ONE MILLION FOR MORTON SOBELL, A report of the National Sobell Conference to Plan Next Steps, New York City, November 30, December 1," which appears as follows: b1

"On November 30 and December 1 delegates representing the many thousands of Americans who are fighting the Sobell case with devotion and determination met at a National Conference to plan the next steps. This meeting represented a turning point in the Rosenberg- Sobell case.

"On the one hand, despite strong new evidence never refuted by the prosecution, the U.S. Supreme Court had just refused to review Morton Sobell's appeals. The Court's decision came in an atmosphere of new hysteria fanned by the Justice Department through such methods as the special report on the case in Look Magazine, the fantastic and unscrupulous attack on Helen Sobell in the Abel trial, and the attempt by a former prosecutor in the trial to blame the Russian Sputniks on the Rosenbergs.

"On the other hand, history was crumbling the myth that dominated the Rosenberg-Sobell trial--the myth that the "secret" of the atom bomb was stolen from our country. Important newspapers were writing editorials questioning the credibility of the prosecution witnesses. New support was being voiced for Morton Sobell's freedom or a new trial. Never before had the opportunities been so great for bringing the truth of this case to the American people, and demonstrating how vital this fight is to civil liberties, our democracy, our morality.

In this perspective, the delegates to the conference faced two roads. One was to continue making progress in the case, but at a pace that might mean a campaign of five, ten or 15 more years while Morton Sobell languishes in Alcatraz. The alternative was to work on a hitherto unprecedented scale that would arouse the moral conscience of our country and create a

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"campaign of such a character and intensity that would build and build until justice would have to be given to Sobell.

"As the conference developed, it became clear which path would be chosen. All of the delegates reported rapid gains in their respective areas, and the re-affirmation of support when the court decision became known. Delegates were present from such key cities as San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, Cleveland, Syracuse and New York. Everywhere the story was the same--the determination and readiness to embark upon a campaign the like of which has not yet been seen on the Rosenberg-Sobell case, with all that has gone before but a prelude to the tremendous scale on which the work would not be carried on.

"It was estimated at the conference that we have already reached millions with the facts. It was decided that a great national effort would be made to secure action by One Million Americans for Morton Sobell, and in the process of this work reach millions more and raise the case to the level that must be reached for Sobell's freedom.

"The program through which we are launching this drive follows. We ask that everyone in your city interested in the Sobell case schedule a meeting as quickly as possible to thoroughly discuss the program and plan for participation in your area. It will only be by the mustering of every person pledged to winning justice in this case that we will be able to succeed. We ask, too, that you take the information about our conference, and about your plans, to the major organizations in your area so that you can also enlist their aid.

"Through our unprecedented effort, we can and will achieve Morton Sobell's freedom.

#### "PROGRAM

- "1. A national campaign shall be undertaken to secure action on behalf of Morton Sobell by One Million Americans.
- "2. A great petition campaign is to be undertaken for the freeing of Morton Sobell by executive action.

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- "3. The National Sobell Committee and Committees throughout the country will urge prominent individuals, organizations, and newspapers to conduct public inquiries into the facts on the case.
- "4. An intensified program of legal research and investigation will be undertaken. Efforts to prevail upon the courts to grant a new trial will be pressed.
- "5. Efforts shall be made to win Sobell's transfer from Alcatraz,

#### "IMPLEMENTATION

"Petitions for Executive Action--The circulation of petitions on a huge scale throughout the country will be a focal point for our effort to secure action by a million people. The goal will be to keep building support for the filing of a formal request for pardon or commutation. We will continue circulating the appeal that already has been signed by so many eminent Americans. The conference also called for the printing of a simplified petition to the White House that will be convenient for circulation in the streets, canvassing, mailings, and general use. At the direction of the conference, a sub-committee met and drew up the new petition. It will be on a single sheet of paper with space for 10 signatures. The longer appeal and the names of the eminent signers will also be made available. Stress was placed on the widest possible circulation of the petitions--among friends, neighbors, leaders of the community, in the trade unions, in organizations--everywhere possible.

"Launching the Petition Drive--The sub-committee has drawn up a national schedule for the petition campaign. Our first target date is being proposed for the month of April. Between now and then we must gather an impressive number of signatures, to be compiled, and brought to Washington as the kick-off of our snowballing effort to free Sobell through executive action. We are proposing dinners during the month of April in all of the major cities. Admission to the dinner, in addition to the financial cost, would be a given number of signatures either collected by the person attending, or a group of people whom he or she represents,

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"For example, a large city such as Los Angeles might seek a dinner of 500 persons, each bringing 100 signatures. Other cities could scale themselves according to what is possible-- but we urge the goals to be as high as is humanly possible. In smaller areas, the focal point could be meetings and house gatherings.

"Financially, it is extremely practical to aim for a goal of collecting a dollar for every signature. Some people who sign won't be able to contribute anything. Some may give a dollar. Others may give more. But a good goal is to plan fund-raising activity so that there will be at least a dollar matched for each signature turned in. We stress the importance of making the collection of funds a major part of the signature campaign, because as you will see from the section of this report discussing the budget, expenses must be met to carry out our broad plans.

"In planning your major affairs in April, we urge you to be in touch with the main committees in your region of the country as to timing. For example, committees in the Northwest should be in touch with San Francisco, the Southwest with Los Angeles, the Mid-West with Chicago, and the East with New York. What we hope to do is have the dinners and meetings in the West take place at the early part of April, with all the signatures collected brought by western delegates to Chicago, and then from Chicago they will be added to those of the Mid-West and brought by western and mid-western delegates to New York, where the launching dinner will be held at the end of April. Then the delegation representing all parts of the country will take the signatures to Washington, present them, and inform their senators and representatives of this action.

"Literature--The Conference stressed the need for printed material that would meet the needs and potentialities of the day. Many types of literature were suggested, and a sub-committee meeting at the direction of the conference drew up plans for the following immediate pieces of material:

- "1. The petition.
- "2. A new tabloid newspaper that would place the case in the perspective needed to gain the support of large numbers of people. The tabloid is to include latest developments in the case and points refuting the Look Magazine article.
- "3. A piece of literature that would underscore the new light on the case shed by recent scientific

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"developments and the statements by scientists and leading publications that there never was an atomic secret to steal.

"4. The sub-committee also decided to explore the possibility of a new pamphlet on the case and of reprinting the trial record, which is now out of stock.

"Public Inquiry--The widespread public interest in the case, the new evidence, the doubts that have been raised, and the report by the Justice Department that appeared in Look Magazine obviously call for objective inquiries into the facts by interested citizens. The conference urged the maximum encouragement to such inquiries. Some areas suggested that in addition to any national efforts made, people in their own cities should encourage groups of citizens to study the case. Local newspapers should be approached and asked to study the case.

"Legal Research and Investigation--Funds were designated in the budget for the carrying out of legal research and investigation to uncover new evidence for further court action. A legal report cited various aspects of the case which provide a basis for continuing to prevail upon the courts to grant a new trial.

"Budget--The Conference voted to raise a minimum national budget of \$100,000 for 1958. It was stressed that this was to be considered only the barest kind of minimum budget for the work that must be done, and does not include funds for such special projects such as TV broadcasts, newspaper ads etc. Also, the conference cited the need to raise a good part of the budget within the next few months to guarantee the means of launching our program. It is at this time that literature must be paid for and steps taken to initiate our work. A budget will be drawn up and sent to committee chairmen with suggestions for quotas and methods of meeting them. But is is urgent that fund-raising be stepped up without delay.

"Staff--The Conference recognized the inadequacy of the present staff to meet the task that has been decided upon. Suggestions were made that the appropriate additions be made. Suggestions will be appreciated if you know of competent persons who are available. It has been suggested that there be a Sobell representative in Washington to keep the case before members of the Senate and Congress,

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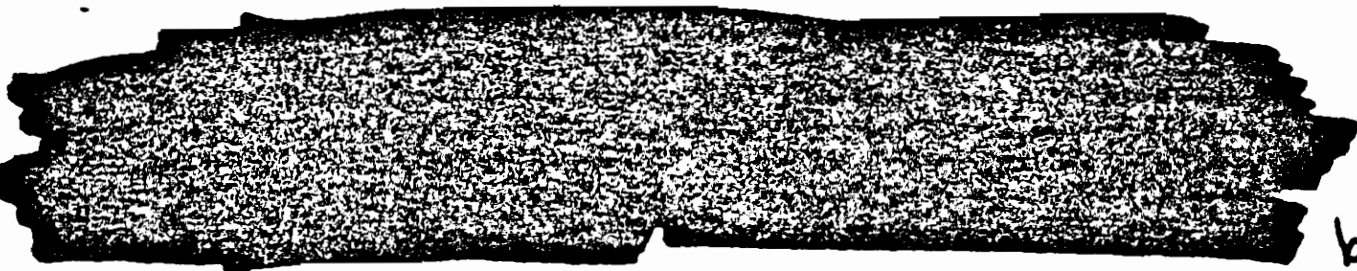
"and to take up the Sobell appeal with the major national organizations whose headquarters are in Washington. The need for a national fund-raiser was cited, as well as someone who could travel throughout the country.

"EXPERIENCES AND SUGGESTIONS

- "1. It was suggested that the national office send the addresses of all major committees to each committee chairman, so that the various committees can exchange their material and learn from each other's experiences.
- "2. San Francisco reports excellent progress in gaining support among trade unions.
- "3. Milwaukee is taking a poll among persons in the city asking whether they have heard of Sobell, and whether they'd be interested in knowing more about it. The Milwaukee committee reports it has gained much interest in this way.
- "4. The Chicago committee has a self-addressed envelope for sending in sustaining funds. The envelope is very attractive, with a picture of Sobell and a place to fill out the contribution and name on the inside flap. Chicago reports much success in collecting sustainers.

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"SPECIAL ATTENTION

"We know you will want to let Morton Sobell know of your continued determination to win his freedom by remembering to send him a holiday card. His address is: Mr. Morton Sobell, Box 996, Alcatraz, California."  
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Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on numerous dates in 1953, that ANNETTE GUISBOND was an active member of the Syracuse Women for Peace throughout 1953. b7D

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] advised on February 22, 1947, that HENRY and LESLIE LEVINE, Communist Party members at that time, attended a Communist Party meeting at Communist Party headquarters, Syracuse, New York, on that date. b-2

On December 28, 1957, Confidential Informant Albany T-12 determined that a memorandum had been sent to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Springs, Maryland, by "TED JACCES" from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, postmarked December 16, 1957, in which he stated that he was sending a list to major committees of the addresses of all other committees so that material and suggestions could be exchanged in accordance with a recommendation at "our national conference." According

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to Albany T-12, a list entitled "List for Exchanging Information" was sent to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN which included the following:  
"Mrs. LILLIAN REINER, 1009 Cumberland, Syracuse, New York."

Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED], on February 26, 1953, identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current Communist Party member. -b-7d



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APPENDIX

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

"Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the\*\*\*American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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**MAR 11 1958**

THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR NORWAY SCHEDE  
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2850	3/11/58	NY memo to N.K.	3	0	
2851	3/11/58	S.L. Airtel to HQ	2	2	
2852	3/13/58	S.L. Airtel to HQ	1	0	
2853	3/13/58	C.G. Airtel to HQ	3	3	
2854	3/13/58	NY memo to SAC	9	0	
2855	3/13/58	NY Letter to HQ	8	0	
2856	3/13/58	NY memo to SAC	2	0	
2857	3/13/58	P.D. report to HQ	5	5	
2858	3/13/58	P.D. LHM regarding serial below	1	1	
2859	3/13/58	P.D. Letter to HQ	2	2	
2860	3/13/58	L.H. memo to SAC	3	0	
2860*	3/13/58	NY memo to N.K.	3	0	

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2863	3/14/58	I.P. memo to SAC	2	2	
2864	3/14/58	NY. memo to SAC	3	0	
2865	3/14/58	NY. memo to SAC	2	0	
2866	3/14/58	NY. memo to SAC	1	1	
2867	3/15/58	NY. memo to SAC	2	0	
2868	3/15/58	A.L. Airtel to HQ	2	0	
2869	3/17/58	NY. memo to L.A.	1	1	
2870	3/17/58	NY memo to SAC	5	0	
2871	3/18/58	NY. memo to HQ	4	0	
2872	3/19/58	L.A. memo to SAC	2	0	

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2874	3/19/58	NY. Letter to HQ	9	9	
2875	3/19/58	N.H. Letter to HQ	1	0	
2876	3/19/58	L.A. memo to SAC	1	0	
2877	3/20/58	D.E. memo to SAC	5	5	
2878	3/24/58	D.E. memo to SAC	4	4	
2879	3/20/58	NK Letter to HQ	1	0	<del>REDACTED</del>
2880	3/21/58	P.X. report to HQ	6	6	
2881	3/21/58	P.X. L.H.M. regarding serial below and above	1	1	
2882	3/21/58	P.X. Letter to HQ	3	3	
2883	3/21/58	Internal memo	1	1	
2884	3/21/58	NY. memo to SAC	3	0	

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2887	3/24/58	NY memo to SAC	5	0	
2888	3/24/58	NY memo to SAC	4	3	
2889	3/24/58	NY memo to SAC	1	1	
2890	3/24/58	SL Letter to HQ	3	3	
2891	3/24/58	Internal memo	2	2	
2892	3/25/58	NY memo to S.F.	5	0	see NY. 100-37158
2893	3/25/58	NY memo to N.K.	3	3	
2894	3/25/58	NY memo to SAC	12	0	
2895	3/25/58	NY superv. memo to SAC	1	1	
2896	3/26/58	NY memo to SAC	2	2	



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2898	3/28/58	NY memo to SAC	3	0	See NY 100-37158
2899	3/28/58	Internal memo	1	1	
2900	3/28/58	NY memo to SAC	3	0	
2901	3/28/58	NY memo to SAC	3	0	
2902	3/31/58	NY memo to SAC	4	0	
2903	3/31/58	Internal memo	1	0	
2904	3/31/58	NY memo to SAC	1	1	
2905	4/1/58	NY memo to SAC	3	0	
2906	4/1/58	NY memo to SAC	4	4	
2907	4/1/58	NY memo to SAC	4	4	
2908	4/1/58	NY memo to SAC	7	0	SEE NY 100-109849

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2911	4/3/58	NY. Letter to HQ	3	0	see NY. 100 - 37158
2912	4/3/58	NY. memo to SAC	3	0	
2913	4/3/58	C.G. memo to SAC	3	3	
2914	4/4/58	SAC. memo to NY.	2	0	
2915	4/4/58	NY. memo to SAC	3	0	
2916	4/4/58	NY. memo to SAC	1	0	
2917	4/4/58	NY. memo to SAC	1	0	SEE NY 100 - 109849
2918	4/4/58	L.A. memo to SAC	2	0	
2919	4/4/58	LA. memo to SAC	2	0	
2920	4/7/58	L.A. Airtel to HQ	1	1	

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2923	4/8/58	P.H. Airtel to HQ	2	2	
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 3/10/58 that he attended a meeting of the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell held on 3/8/58 at Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] advised that there were approximately 50 to 60 people in attendance at this meeting at which YURI SUHL of New York City was the featured speaker and spoke on the subject of "Jewish Humor". Informant stated the purpose of this meeting was to raise funds and \$183.00 was collected. The collection speech was made by PERRY CARTWRIGHT, Business Manager of the Southern Newsletter, P. O. Box 1307, Louisville, Kentucky. HAVEN PERKINS was introduced as the Executive Director of the Midwestern States of the Sobell Committee. b7D

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - 5 - Chicago (REGISTERED MAIL)
    - (1 - Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)
    - (1 - [redacted] b7C, d)
    - (1 - [redacted])
    - (1 - [redacted])
    - (1 - Soviet American Friendship Committee)
  - 4 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
    - (1 - [redacted] b7C, d)
    - (1 - [redacted])
    - (1 - Soviet American Friendship Committee)
    - (1 - Natl. Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)
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MANDEL JERMAN (phonetic), President of Soviet American Friendship Committee, announced his organization would sponsor a party in honor of the 100th birthday of PAUL ROBESON on April 9, 1958, at which ROBESON would attend. JERMAN stated ROBESON will make a public appearance in Chicago on April 10 and 11, 1958.

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YURI SUHL stated that the subject organization had a great deal of correspondence with Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT and she was to give her name to one of petitions circulated by the Sobell Committee, but as a result of a conference with her attorney she withheld her name pending the straightening out of a "minor matter".

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

SUBJECT: CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IS - C

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RE BU AIRTEL IN CAPTIONED MATTER DATED 2-18-58 EX-12

Enclosed herewith are 7 copies of a blank memorandum for dissemination containing information regarding meeting of the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL held on 3/9/58 at 4761 North Keystone, CG, Ill. This information was furnished by written report to SA RICHARD F. ROMAN by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity must be protected. **67D**

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3 Bureau (Encls. 7) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
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CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on March 10, 1958, that on March 9, 1958, a meeting of the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was held on the Northside of Chicago, Illinois.

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The source advised that the meeting was attended by between fifty and fifty-five people and was addressed by Yuri Suhl, a Yiddish comedian and writer. Suhl discussed his literary work and mentioned that one of his plays will open in the fall of 1958 at the Granada (ph) in New York City. Suhl also read from his book "Biography of Ernestine Rose" which he expects to have published in June. The source advised that David Soltker, Chairman of the Chicago Sobell Committee, also spoke and said that Morton Sobell's transfer from Alcatraz Prison to Atlanta Prison, where Sobell now has access to a library, is a definite victory for the Sobell Committee.

Haven Perkins, Executive Director, Chicago Sobell Committee, was introduced and made a very brief statement. Perkins mentioned Sobell Committee work in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and said that the wide newspaper coverage given Sobell's transfer from Alcatraz to Atlanta is indicative of the pressure which the Sobell Committee exerts.

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David Soltker mentioned that the Chicago Sobell Committee is operating in the black and that already Chicago has sent \$3600.00 to the Sobell Committee at New York City. Soltker supervised a collection which resulted in the raising of \$200.00 for the Chicago Sobell Committee.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA WILLIAM S. BROWN</b>	TYPED BY <b>emjn</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:**

Activities of "Oregon Sobell Committee" continue to be directed by Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD of Portland, who describes herself as chairman. In letter appealing for funds to help "free America's No. 1 political prisoner", Mrs. LEOPOLD asks that donations be sent to her address. Joint meeting with MFSA held at LEOPOLD home.

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DETAILS:

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell",

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August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also in its Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30, had the following to say concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

"1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL, the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case-- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States-- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ."

[REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that a mimeographed letter [REDACTED] in the Portland area over the name of "ROSE LEOPOLD, chairman, Oregon Sobell Committee." This letter which was dated November 6, 1957, enclosed a two page press release which bore the heading of "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York." b1D

The letter which bore the handwritten signature of ROSE LEOPOLD, stated that MORTON SOBELL was still in Alcatraz where he had served eight years and still had 22 years remaining "unless we do something about it right now." The letter pointed out that three petitions for a review of his case had been presented to the Supreme Court, the first of which had been denied. The other two it was noted had excellent chances to succeed; however, according to the letter, expenses are "fabulous." The letter further pointed out that instead of the usual fund-raising social "we" have decided on a more direct appeal. The letter solicited help to "free America's No. 1 political prisoner, MORTON SOBELL, by returning the enclosed



envelope with your donation." At the bottom of the letter was listed Mrs. LEOPOLD's address, 2033 S.E. Ash, Portland, Oregon. Enclosed was the plain envelope bearing the address "Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD, 2033 S.E. Ash, Portland, Oregon."

The press release noted that the "Supreme Court asked to set aside MORTON SOBELL's trial as unfair." The release contained an alleged resume of SOBELL's case and referred to certain decisions in support of the appeals being made with reference to the unfair trials of SOBELL and the ROSENBERGs.

Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD is known to Confidential Informants [REDACTED] to be a close associate of Communist Party (CP) members in Portland particularly DONALD WOLLAM and his wife ELBERTA WOLLAM, identified [REDACTED] as longtime active CP leaders in Portland. b7D

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Similar information concerning the above letter over Mrs. LEOPOLD's signature and the press release was provided [REDACTED] Confidential Informants

[REDACTED] provided information [REDACTED] respectively indicating that the letter also had been mailed to other points in Oregon outside of Portland. b7D

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On January 24, 1958, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] said that Dr. RUBINSTEIN had appeared on January 20, 1958, at a joint meeting sponsored by the Oregon Federation for Social Action and the Portland Branch of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. According to [REDACTED] this meeting was held at the home of Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD.

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This joint meeting at Mrs. LEOPOLD's home was verified by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on January 24, 1958. According to this informant, approximately 30 persons were present.

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- APPENDIX -

PORTLAND CHAPTER, METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Portland Confidential Informants have advised that the PORTLAND CHAPTER, METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION, aka OREGON CHAPTER, METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION and OREGON FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION is heavily infiltrated by persons known to them as past or present COMMUNIST PARTY members and sympathizers who take an active part in its affairs and activities.

METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

The METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report as "among the more conspicuous fronts for Communist activity in the field of relief, assistance, and welfare work and dealing with the problems of the unemployed and underprivileged."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-9004

Post Office Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

March 13, 1958

NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN  
THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
ACT OF 1950

Re report SA WILLIAM S. BROWN, Portland, dated  
and captioned as above.

The Confidential Informants mentioned in referenced  
report have provided reliable information in the past.

This report is loaned to you by the FBI and neither  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE:

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (100-9004)

3/13/58

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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ISA OF 1950

Re report SA WILLIAM S. BROWN, Portland, dated and captioned as above, enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York. Also enclosed for the Bureau and New York are copies of a dissemination memorandum concerning the Confidential Informants mentioned in above report.

This report is marked ~~confidential~~ as it contains information the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the nation.

REFERENCES

Report of SA WILLIAM S. BROWN, 2/20/57.  
Portland letter to Bureau, 3/23/57.

INFORMANTS

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PORTLAND:

Will continue to follow the activities in Oregon of subject committee.



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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-132488) (12-15) DATE: 3/14/58  
 FROM : SA KARL ROBERT BUCKMAN (12-0)  
 SUBJECT: CP, USA  
 INDUSTRIAL DIVISION,  
 GARMENT SECTION  
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Source

[REDACTED] b7D

Reliability

Has furnished reliable information in past

Description of Information

Garment Center Open Forum, 2/12/58

Date Received Agent to Whom

2/18/58 (by mail)

Furnished

SA KARL ROBERT BUCKMAN

Location of Report

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1 - NY (97-169) ("The Worker") (7-2)

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① - NY (100-107111) (Committee to Secure Justice for MORRISON SOBELL) (7-2)

1 - [REDACTED] b7C, d

1 - NY (100-106495) (Garment Freedom of Access Committee) (7-2)

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1 - NY (100-132488) (CP, USA, Industrial Division, Garment Section) (12-15)

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[REDACTED] report is set out below. [REDACTED]  
was shown photos of several people who were believed  
to have been affiliated with the Garment Section of the  
CP. [REDACTED] identified FANNIE HECHTMAN from these pictures  
as being the person who read the opening remarks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] also identified the Chairman of the  
Committee from photos as BEA WEISS. b7D

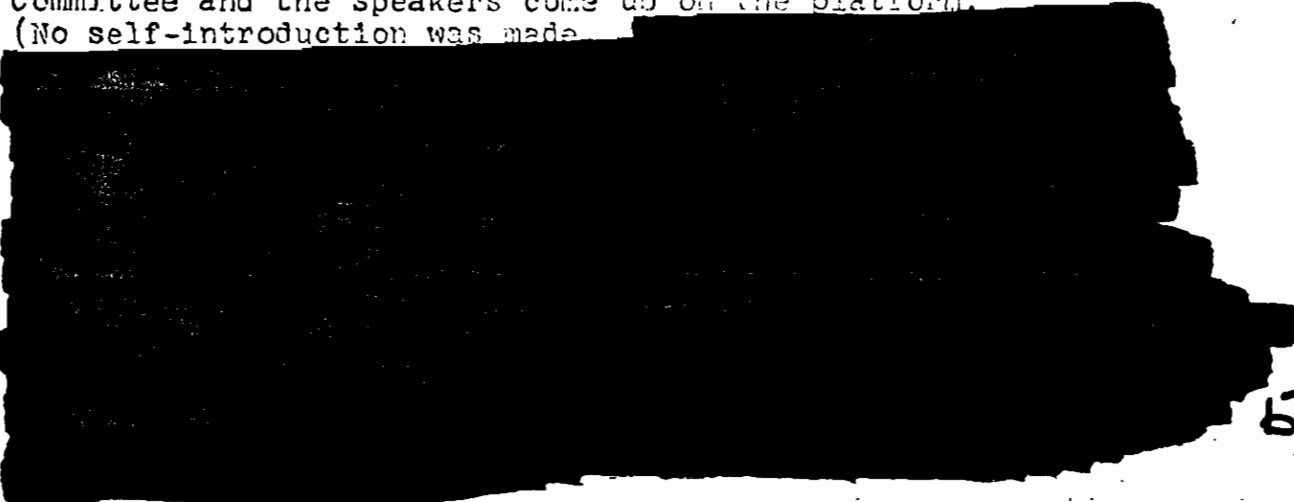
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This information was disseminated at that time.

February 13, 1958

"The Garment Center open Forum in celebration of Negro History week, under auspices of the Garment Freedom of the Press Committee, was held in the second floor auditorium of the Fraternal Clubhouse, Inc., 110 W. 48 St., Wednesday, February 12th, Lincoln's birthday. Although scheduled for 6:00 P.M., the program did not get underway until 7:00 P.M. Seating arrangements were for 200; about 175 showed up. Admission charge was 49¢ per person. A blonde young girl approached everyone to sign the Morton Sobol petition.

"The program opening was begun by a small, black and gray haired woman who put on tortoiseshell spectacles to read the opening remarks in explanation of the purpose of the program. Next she asked that the Chairman of the Committee and the speakers come up on the platform. (No self-introduction was made.

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"The Chairman of the Committee (? name, another small gray-haired woman) introduced a young colored singer as John Smith. He sang, and invited the audience to join him in singing the Star Spangled Banner and his Negro Anthem.

"The two speakers of the evening were: (1) Herbert Aptheker, who was asked to speak on some historical aspect of Negro History Week. (2) Ben Davis Jr., who who said he would touch on the local, national and international significance of Negro History Week.

"The Chairman made an announcement that tickets were available from the Du Bois Fund, 100 W. 23 St, for a Reception to be held for Dr. Du Bois in celebration of his 90th birthday, Sunday March 2nd, in the Grand Ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel.

"Herbert Aptheker began his address by criticizing the N.Y. Times and Daily News for failure to run an editorial or make any comment on Negro History Week. He praised Dr. Du Bois who at 90 was still writing, still contributing and still participating while such renegades as John Gates had expended themselves politically at such a young age. He said that long after those who predicted the death of the Communist Party were politically dead, the party would still be living and stronger than ever. He praised the progress of the Negroes and the Labor Unions who worked together to bring about such progress. He praised Ben Davis for what he had been able to accomplish during two terms of City Councilman Office. He commended those present for being progressives and called for their support in raising circulation of "The Worker". He asked that the green subscription cards on every seat be filled in and passed on to the collectors who would circle the room.

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"In contrast to Herbert Aptheker's tired, long silences and widely spaced groping of thoughts and sentences, Ben Davis, Jr. gave a very spirited address. At the conclusion, his forehead dripped with perspiration. He said he intended to rouse his listeners to do something about the economic situation and the five million unemployed. He blamed this on the Capitalist system and said that Socialism was proving that the Capitalist system was bad and caused periodic unemployment. He said that if this country and Soviet Russia were to sit down and talk things

"out it would end the armament race, the heavy taxation for defenses, and end unemployment. He appealed to everyone to write and telephone to Emanuel Celler and other Congressmen to get the original Civil Rights Bill underway without further delay; to stop before it got started, such efforts of maniacs like Eastman and Mc Chellan, seeking to have the Ike administration go for a cooling off period of the Civil Rights Bill. Also, to work toward getting the Isaacs & Brown Bill passed.

"He explained that in 1944, he as Councilmen had managed to get the Mayor to proclaim Negro History Week, and that a proclamation had been issued by every Mayor thereafter each year. Now he proposed that everyone work toward having a large parade down Fifth Ave. next year to show united effort of labor unions working together to integrate and set an example to the peoples of the South, and elsewhere where Negroes are still fighting for full freedom. He also said it was important to work for the election of a Negro Mayor who could correct some unfairness to Negro and Puerto Rican peoples now being blamed for all the social ills in this city.

"He said that the international significance of Negro History Week was that negroes were on their way now despite hindrances in America by Dixicrats and white Supremists. He predicted that people like himself, wearing the lash upon their backs could look forward to full freedom thru help by the fusion of the Soviet Union and Colonialism (darker people all over the world rising politically in Africa, China, Asia and Latin America); that England, France, & U.S. were on the defensive and were losing World Imperialism, which would weaken and liken them to small islands. Negroes then would come into their own all over the world, and politicians everywhere would be impressed with their bargaining power politicalwise.

"Ben Davis praised Paul Robeson for having stood up against unfair tactics which prevented him from earning a living, from traveling, or being a free being. He urged getting out of office such maniacs as Dulles, who was responsible. He urged the audience to purchase and promote Robeson's book, "Here I Stand", at \$1.00 a copy; that this would enable a concert in Cargeie Hall.

"He thanked everyone for carrying on the progressive movement while he and others were unavailable and in jail. He reminded the audience not to fall into the trap set up by the white Supremists or International Imperialists endeavoring to promote a barrier between the colored and Puerto Ricans. He said it was important for labor to help the Puerto Ricans get political representation in the City, such as Negroes have been able to attain; to have NYC people set an example of integration in the schools.

"The program ended at a quarter of nine, with an invitation to purchase leaflets, pamphlets, Robeson's book, and "The Worker" on display at the rear of the room.

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SAC, Indianapolis (100-8300)

3/14/58

SA TIPTON MASTERSON

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By - SA TIPTON MASTERSON  
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"a petition in behalf of Morton Sobell." This petition bore a picture of Sobell. The petition is as follows: **67D**

"Mr. President,  
"White House,  
"Washington, D.C.

"Because our country has the strength to recognize possible error and the humanity to be merciful;

"Because thousands of Americans believe that Morton Sobell did not have a fair trial;

"Because Morton Sobell has steadfastly maintained his innocence throughout his seven years of imprisonment and continues his efforts to secure a new trial;

"For these reasons I join with my fellow Americans in asking you to return Morton Sobell to his wife and children through executive pardon or commutation or by instructing the Attorney General to recommend a new trial."

Following the above on this page were eleven lines which were to be filled in by the names of people who subscribed to the above statement. These lines contained a place for a name, for the address, and for a contribution. It was requested that this petition and the contribution be returned to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell at the address given above. This letter also contained a letter which requested that individuals appeal directly to the President and provided a form on which this message could be sent, and also contained some literature on Sobell himself.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC New York (100-107111) 7-2

DATE: 3/11/58

FROM : SA Arthur S. Bennett 19-2

SUBJECT: East Side Sobell Committee  
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable info. in the past, made available to SA Arthur S. Bennett a "Petition on Behalf of Morton Sobell"

Complete dissemination has been made under the caption of "Faculty of Social Science." **b7D**

A photostat copy of the petition is being placed in 100-107111-1B872.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-30715)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-81384)

SUBJECT: THOMAS McGRATH  
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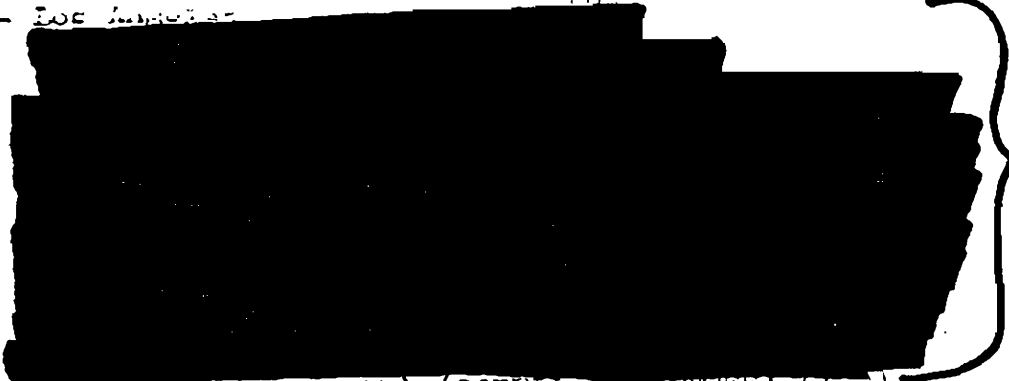
ReBulet, dated 12/12/56, which advised that a review of each issue of "Mainstream" should be made with a view to effecting probable identification of authors, and in the event that probable identification is not made, instructing that a case file be opened in an attempt to effect identification in order to determine if the individual author should be included on the SI.

Copies of this memorandum are being designated for the files of the probable authors, who have written articles, letter, and/or book reviews appearing in the February, 1958 issue of "Mainstream". In the event, the probable author or authors is determined to be residing other than in the NY area, the office covering such residence is to be notified, and a case file opened to determine if the probable author is to be included on the SI.

It is to be noted that MARTIN CARTER, author of two poems (one in tribute to MORTON SOBELL) appearing in this issue, is described in the November, 1956, issue of "Mainstream" as being a resident of British Guiana.

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- 1- New York (100-89571) (MAINSTREAM) (7-2)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4013)  
SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
IS - SWP

DATE 3/17/58

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 3/3/58.

Source  
Reliability

CSNY 495-8  
Who has furnished  
reliable information in  
the past

Information Furnished

Stencil Backing sheet  
setting forth portion  
of minutes of National  
Committee Plenum,  
1/24-26/58

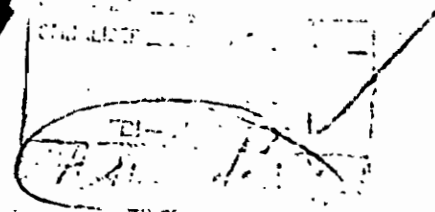
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SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR.  
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NY 100-4013

"MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM. January 24, 25, 26, 1958

"First Session Jan. 24, convened at 10:10 A.M.

"Roll Call

"Club Exec. Members Present: Alvin, Anderson, Barr, Bird, Blancher, Bowers, Farmer, Gibbs, Gross, Herrick, Lang, Marsh, Merritt, Porter, Powers, Rodney, Short, Sloan, Turner, Wilson.

"Club Exec. Alternates Present: J. Allan, DeBruce, Fine, Elint, Garber, Hamilton, James, R. Jones, Kingsley, Lessing, Parker, Robinson, Stevens, Torres, Wallace

"Control Commission Members Present: Conway, A. Farmer.

"PLENUM AGENDA

1. Organization of Plenum
2. Political Report  
Reporter: Barr  
Mincrity Reporter: Marsh
3. Youth Report  
Reporter: Merritt
4. Organization Report  
Reporter: Powers
5. World Movement  
Reporter: Short
6. Fund Drive
7. Election of National Officers

Motion of Political Committee: That discussion be limited to 10 minutes per speaker and that no one speak twice until all who wish to do so have spoken.

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- 1- [REDACTED] b7c
- 1- [REDACTED]
- 1- NY 100-107111 (NCSJMS) (7-2)
- 1- [REDACTED] b7c

"Carried.

"Motion of Political Committee: To designate as Presiding Committee the members of the Secretariat and Comrade Marsh.

"Carried.

"Motion of Presiding Committee: That Anderson be Chairman of first session.

"Carried.

"Motion of Presiding Committee: That Connie, Sherry and Bea Allan be Plenum secretaries.

"Carried.

"Motion of Political Committee: That Plenum attendance be confined to NC members, alternates, Control Commission members, co-thinkers, heads of N.O. departments, two youth representatives (Shane and Tim).

"Carried

"Motion of Political Committee: To recommend that the Plenum approve a request of the New York Local Executive Committee to attend the Plenum sessions dealing with regroupment and the Organization Report.

"Carried

"Motion of Political Committee: That Comrade John Black attend the Plenum.

"Carried

"Motion of Political Committee: That the document received from Kirk be referred to the Political Committee for study and any ( ? ) and that it be published in the bulletin as part of the continuing discussion on the Negro question.

"Carried

"POLITICAL REPORT

Report for majority: Barr

Report for minority: Marsh

Tape recording made of Political Reports and Summaries.

NY 100-4013

"Second Session, January 24, convened at 2:05 P.M.

Chairman: Flint

Discussion on Political Report: Herrick, Alvin, Gross, Stevens,  
Merritt, Bowers, Robinson, Shane,  
Short, Timber, Wilson, Sloan,  
Black, Farmer, Fine, Flint,  
Rodney, Turner.

"First Session, January 25, convened at 10:15 A.M.

Chairman: Hamilton

Summary for minority: Marsh

Summary for majority: Barr

Motion: 1) To approve the general line of  
the political report as presented by Barr.

2) To authorize the PC to implement the  
proposal for a united socialistic ticket in  
the 1958 election.

Statement by Marsh of minority position:  
Opposed to 1) above.

Opposed to 2) only insofar as it is an implemen-  
tation of general line of political resolution.  
But not against the campaign as such or any



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effort directed towards radicals in or  
out of the CP.

Roll Call Vote

In favor of majority position: Regular: Alvin, Sloan, Gibbs,  
Farmer, Barr, Rodney,  
Herrick, Powers, Lang,  
Anderson, Porter,  
Blancher, Bird, Short,  
Bowers, Turner,  
Merritt. 17

Consulative Vote: Alternate: Wallace, Parker,  
Robinson, James, Fine,  
Hamilton, Lessing,  
Garber, Stevens, De  
Bruce, J. Allan,  
Torres, Kingsley. 13

Control Commission: Conway, A. Farmer. 2  
Total 32

In favor of minority position: Regular: Gross, Marsh,  
Wilson. 3

Consulative Vote: Alternate: Flint, R. Jones 2  
Total 5

Majority position carried.

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"YOUTH REPORT

Reporter: Merritt

Youth report and summary on tape.

Discussion: Deck, Stevens, Shane.

Announcement: Luncheon here at 116 for all those interested in Sobell case.

Second Session January 25, convened at 2:35 P.M.

Chairman: James.

Continuation of discussion on Youth Report: Shane, Short.

Summary by Merritt:

Motion of Presiding Committee: To accept the report.

Carried.

ORGANIZATION REPORT

Reporter: Powers

Organization Report on tape.

Earr presented following messages for approval of Plenum:

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FUND DRIVE

Report by Powers.

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"Discussion: Herrick, Alvin, Bowers, Parker, Robinson,  
Anderson, Rodney, Sloan, Stevens, Biancher.

Summary by Powers.

Motion of Secretariat: 1) To project two fund drives of \$20,000 each for 1958.

2) Campaign to start March 1 and run for three months.

Carried.

Recommendation by Fine: That fund be called 'Socialist Expansion Fund.'

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Motion by Short: To continue same national officers.  
Carried.

PLENUM ADJOURNED with the singing of 'The Internationale.' "

A copy of instant letter is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and all offices having active SWP Branches within their territory, as well as other files of individuals described in the minutes.



Code names used by individuals set forth in the minutes furnished by CSNY 496-S are as set forth in dissemination listing of instant letter. In some cases, these identifications are regarded as tentative by the NYO, inasmuch as information is not available to this office definitely establishing the use of a particular code name by an individual. This is so in the case of "FINE", who is believed to be CARL FEINGOLD, based on the fact that he is a known alternate member of the SWP National Committee, was reported by informants to have attended the Plenum, and whose true name is similar to the code name set forth.

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Identification of the name PARKER for JOYCE COWLEY is also tentative and based on the fact that prior information furnished by CSNY 496-S reflects that PARKER is a New Yorker and it is known that JOYCE COWLEY was a New York SWP member elected, an alternate member of the National Committee at the National Convention of 1957. The file on COWLEY further reflects that she was observed entering SWP Headquarters by surveilling Agents during the course of the Plenum.

Identification of CONNIE and SHERRY as CONSTANCE WEISMAN and SHARON DOBBS is based on information furnished by [REDACTED] b7D

The two youth representatives described in the minutes as SHANE and TIM are believed to be SHANE MAGE and TIM WOHLFORTH, based on information from [REDACTED] that these individuals are leaders of the Young Socialist Alliance, who have cooperated with the SWP. It is believed that the listing of the code name "TIMBER", in the minutes, also refers to TIM WOHLFORTH, inasmuch as there is no other individual known in attendance at the Plenum, to whom this name could logically apply. b7D

PC and NC are commonly used SWP abbreviations for Political Committee and National Committee.

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100-20930 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)

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JUSTICE FOR MORTON  
SOBELL).

TO: SAC, DETROIT (100-22644)

DATE: March 20, 1958

FROM: SA RODNEY J. BALLARD

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SOCIALIST CUBES  
IS - ASC

Informant: [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information  
in the past (protect identity). b7D

Activity: 2/26/58

Received: [REDACTED] b7D

By: SA RODNEY J. BALLARD

Location: [REDACTED] b7D

*lead by [unclear] from  
Detroit*

By report dated February 27, 1958, [REDACTED] advised  
he attended a meeting sponsored by the Detroit Labor Forum which  
was held in the McGregor Library, 12244 Woodward Avenue, b7D

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Detroit, Michigan, on Wednesday, February 26, 1958, at 8:00 p.m. and featured JOSEPH STAROBIN who spoke on the topic "Nation and World in Crisis." There were approximately ninety to ninety-five persons in attendance.

Copies of this memorandum are being sent to the files of those individuals observed in attendance at this affair.

ERNEST MAZEY was chairman and ESTHER BAUR sold tickets. SONIA BAUR's husband was also present.

A petition for MORTON SOBELL was being circulated by Mrs. BREITMAN and most of those present signed the petition.

[REDACTED] Not many young people and only a few Negroes. b7D

JOSEPH STAROBIN was the speaker. His topic was "Nation and World in Crisis." He said it was an honor to speak before the Detroit Labor Forum which was becoming favorably known throughout the country. He said he was not there to say the things people wanted to hear, but to speak of things as they are, and if people disagreed with his thinking so much the better for discussion. He said he was not running for office or trying to organize a movement, at this time, so he did not need agreement with his views.

He pointed out that the United States and Western Europe were in a state of crisis both intellectual and political, and in a long drawn out explanation attributed this to the progress of Russia and China and the unsettled conditions in the Middle East and Africa.

STAROBIN said as people are more aware of the periodical crisis in our economy, they are beginning to ask "Why?" and Socialists can supply the answer. But the crisis now goes much deeper than the economy. He said the intellectual and political crisis is significant and is also taking place in Western Europe and other parts of the world.



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Our economy, by nature, he said is an enormously productive one, and calls for continued expansion to be successful, but at the same time, world markets are growing smaller and other nations are not willing to permit American capital to be invested in their countries under the conditions American capitalists demand.

He spoke of the "props" that had been built into our economy due to lessons learned in the big depression beginning in 1929 and said while Capitalist economy would not collapse (because of these props) it would function badly, but still function.

He said one of the things that had helped drain off surplus capital up to now, was spending huge sums for military purposes then shooting it off and burning it up in one war or another, but now with the advancement of science and missile development, less money was needed to build armaments or maintain military machines that could destroy the world and new ways to waste money must be thought up. He said American government is controlled by business and they do not agree even among themselves as to the next move.

He spoke of the "Rockefeller boys" who had dreamed up an underground world for us and said this would use up a lot of surplus capital, but only for a time and then the surplus would be piled up again.

He listed three ways for capitalism to use up piled up profits but said the two ways used in the past are closing their doors. The first was military spending, engaging in war and using up the waste, then more military spending and so on.

The second was investment in other countries but this also is drying up because the Soviet Union and China will supply the needs of other countries at a low rate of interest or none at all while American investments want an exorbitant return on their capital.

The third, which he said capitalists refuse to consider is to turn the surplus profits back into the country to the American people and let people enjoy the fruits of their labors.

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STAROBIN said he believes that unless Socialism can prevail, there will be a Neo-Fascist state emerging in the U.S. and even now the division among American capitalists can be clearly seen, with the "liberal" ones trying to take a more modified position. He said the jolt that Sputnik gave America had destroyed complacency and brought the realization that we must deal with Russia and China as equals and unless we negotiate on that basis we risk war. He said Russia had made it plain that they did not intend to fight a war, and if war broke out the U.S. would start it. STAROBIN said with the division among the capitalists now, he does not think they would risk a war that would mean total destruction.

HE said about the best America could hope for in the future is something like the Civil War of the 1860s.

At present, from the socialist point of view, he recommends socialist study groups; socialist education at all levels, (unions, P.T.A. groups, institutions of learning, civic groups, and any and all other available opportunities) forums such as the DLF and cooperation (to achieve socialist objectives) even with the major political parties of this country. He said he did not think it was a sin for a Socialist to vote with a Capitalist party if the objective was right. For instance, he said the radical groups in California are cooperating to defeat KNOWLAND, NIXON and KNIGHT in the coming election, rather than casting a token Socialist vote. Not that they wanted a Democrat elected, he said, but because Socialists think the labor movement will try the Democrats once again to see if they can solve the problems and when they find the Democrats are just more of the same, then the chances are good that they will turn to a labor party, and the Socialists must be ready to lead.

He said Socialists must study and re-educate themselves to the modern socialist viewpoint for the old line parties of the left died on their feet because they refused to give up old ideas and could not cooperate to attain an objective.

There was lively discussion and few questions. Of those in the audience who commented, most agreed with

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STAROBIN's viewpoint, but some disagreed with voting either Republican or Democrat. Among those who commented were

[REDACTED] 67D  
A collection of \$45.00 was announced. MAZEY said he disliked asking for donations but found it necessary. He called attention to the article in the "American Socialist" by STAROBIN (available on the literature table).

No recommendation for action is being made concerning this memorandum and efforts will continue to be directed toward identifying individuals in attendance at the Detroit Labor Forum meeting.

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JUSTICE FOR MORTON  
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(100- [REDACTED] (COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON  
SOBELL)

TO: SAC, DETROIT (100-22644)

DATE: March 20, 1958

FROM: SA RODNEY J. BALLARD

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SOCIALIST CLUBS  
IS - ASC

Informant: [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information  
in the past (protect identity). 67D

Activity: 2/26/58

Received: [REDACTED] 67D

By: SA RODNEY J. BALLARD

Location: [REDACTED] 67D

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By report dated February 27, 1958, [REDACTED] 67D  
advised he attended a meeting sponsored by the Detroit  
Labor Forum held at the McGregor Library, 12244 Woodward

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Avenue, in Detroit, Michigan, on February 26, 1958. An audience of about ninety was present and the featured speaker was JOSEPH STAROBIN. Copies of this memorandum are being sent to the files of those persons in attendance at the meeting.

ERNEST MAZEY was chairman, SONIA BAUR's husband was present [REDACTED] and a petition was circulated by Mrs. BREITMAN for MORTON SOBELL. b7D

STAROBIN was introduced by MAZEY and his topic was "Nation and World in Crisis." STAROBIN said it was an honor to speak before the DLF which was becoming favorably known throughout the country but he was not there to say the things the people wanted to hear but to speak as they are. If the people did not agree with his thinking so much the better for discussion. He said he was not running for office or trying to organize a movement at this time so he did not need agreement with his views.

He said the U.S. and Western Europe were in a state of crisis both intellectual and political and attributed this to the progress of Russia and China and the unsettled conditions in the Middle East and Africa. He said the people are becoming more aware of the crisis in our economy, are beginning to ask "Why?" and the Socialist can supply the answers to these questions.

He said our economy is a productive one and calls for continued expansion to become successful but world markets are growing smaller and other nations are not willing to permit American capital to be invested in their countries under the demands made by the American capitalists.

STAROBIN said the capitalist had built props into their economy based on lessons learned during the depression. These props will function badly but will not let the economy collapse.

He said huge spending for military purposes helped to drain off surplus capital up until now but with the advancement of science and missile development less money is

needed to maintain our military machines.

He said the American Government is controlled by big business who must find new ways to waste their surplus capital but cannot agree among themselves as to the next best move.

STAROBIN said the ROCKEFELLER boys suggested building underground shelters and moving business and industry underground, but this would only last for a while and the surplus capital would build up again and the we will be right back where we are now.

He said there are three ways for capitalism to use profits, but two ways used in the past are being closed - spending for military purposes and investment in other countries and the third method the capitalists refused to consider - to turn surplus profit back to American people and let them enjoy the fruits of their labor. He pointed out the Soviet Union in China are supplying needs to countries at a low interest rate thus cutting out American capitalists who want a big return on their investment.

STAROBIN said three things could happen in the future:

1. The capitalist society could start a war and destroy the world.
2. They could form a neo-Fascist state.
3. America could deal with Russia and China as equals and negotiate with Russia for peace.

STAROBIN recommended socialist study groups for socialist education at all levels. He said it was no sin for a Socialist to vote with a Capitalist party in order to gain an objective and pointed out various illustrations of this point. He said the Socialist must be ready to lead when America wants to solve their problems and turn to a labor party. He said the Socialist must study and re-educate themselves to a modern socialist viewpoint and that old



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left-wing parties died because they refused to give up old ideas and not cooperate to obtain their objective.

There was a lively discussion and questions were asked [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Most of them agreed with STAROBIN on all his viewpoints but a few disagreed with voting for either the Democrats or the Republicans. ERNEST MAZEY advised the collection amounted to \$45.00 and stated he regreted asking for donations but it was necessary. b7D

No action is being recommended on this memorandum, and efforts will be directed to identify persons in attendance at DLF.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE:

3/20/58

FROM :

SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C

Reference New York letter to the Director dated 1/27/58.

Referenced letter contained a transcript of notes, obtained by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] from a notebook which he found while attending a conference at the Biltmore Hotel, NYC during December 1957. b7D

This transcript contained a number of first or last names which apparently referred to persons active in the captioned organization.

A search of Newark indices has failed to disclose any information which is identifiable with the above indicated persons.

Newark is otherwise unable to furnish any information as to the identity of these individuals.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

[REDACTED]

**RUTH ROSENTHAL,**  
Tucson, Arizona, attended a work meeting of the LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE, held 1-10-58, at Los Angeles, California.

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DETAILS: The COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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HAVEN PERKINS was a member of the CP of the South Side Area as of August, 1956.

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GAYLORD and SARA SWING are members of the CP in Phoenix, Arizona.

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The "PEOPLE'S WORLD" is a weekly West Coast Communist newspaper.

On January 10, 1958, RUTH ROSENTHAL was one of the approximately 32 - 35 persons who attended a meeting of the LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE held at 464 N. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California. RUTH ROSENTHAL was stated to be from Tucson, Arizona, to have been active in the ROSENBERG CASE, and to have come as a delegate of a future committee for SOBELL of Tucson.

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knew RUTH ROSENTHAL as a member of the CP

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The proposed ad read in part as follows:

"We of the Western States accept a pledge of 30,000 signatures in support of the National Campaign for Presidential Action to Free MORTON SOBELL.

"We ask you to join with us to help reach the National Goal of 100,000 signatures by April."

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[REDACTED] member of the CP. b7D

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN was a

[REDACTED] b7D

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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P. O. Box 1070  
Phoenix, Arizona

March 21, 1958

RE: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOFFEL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
CALVIN W. EVANS, dated at Phoenix, Arizona, March 21,  
1958, in the above-captioned matter.

All informants utilized in the preparation of this  
report have furnished reliable information in the past.

This is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation and neither it nor its contents are to be  
distributed outside the Agency to which loaned.

SA CALVIN W. EVANS:wma

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387,835)

3-21-58

SAC, PHOENIX (100-4333)

THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS C

There are enclosed herewith 6 copies of the report of SA CALVIN W. EVANS, dated at Phoenix, Arizona, 3-21-58, together with 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum evaluating the information in this report.

Reference:

Report of SA CALVIN W. EVANS, dated at Phoenix, 8-19-57.

Administrative:

This report has been classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ inasmuch as it contains information which, if disclosed, would be prejudicial to the national security.

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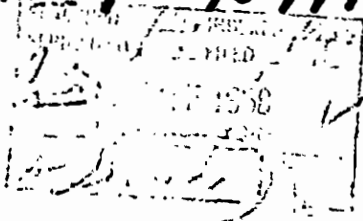
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THE PHOENIX DIVISION

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Will follow and report the activities of the SCHELL  
COMMITTEE in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona.

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TO : SAC (100-107111) (7-2)

DATE: 3/21/58

FROM : SA GUSTAV S. ABRANDT, 7-2

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL,  
IS-C.

The Brownsville - East New York Committee to free MORTON SOBELL is sponsoring a meeting to be held 3/30/58, 8 PM, at Sunrise Manor, 1638 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Contribution 49¢, Film, speaker and entertainment.

"The Worker," 3/23/58, p. 15, c. 1, 2

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, DETROIT (100-1334)

Date: 3/24/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-97078)

SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY-NEW YORK LOCAL  
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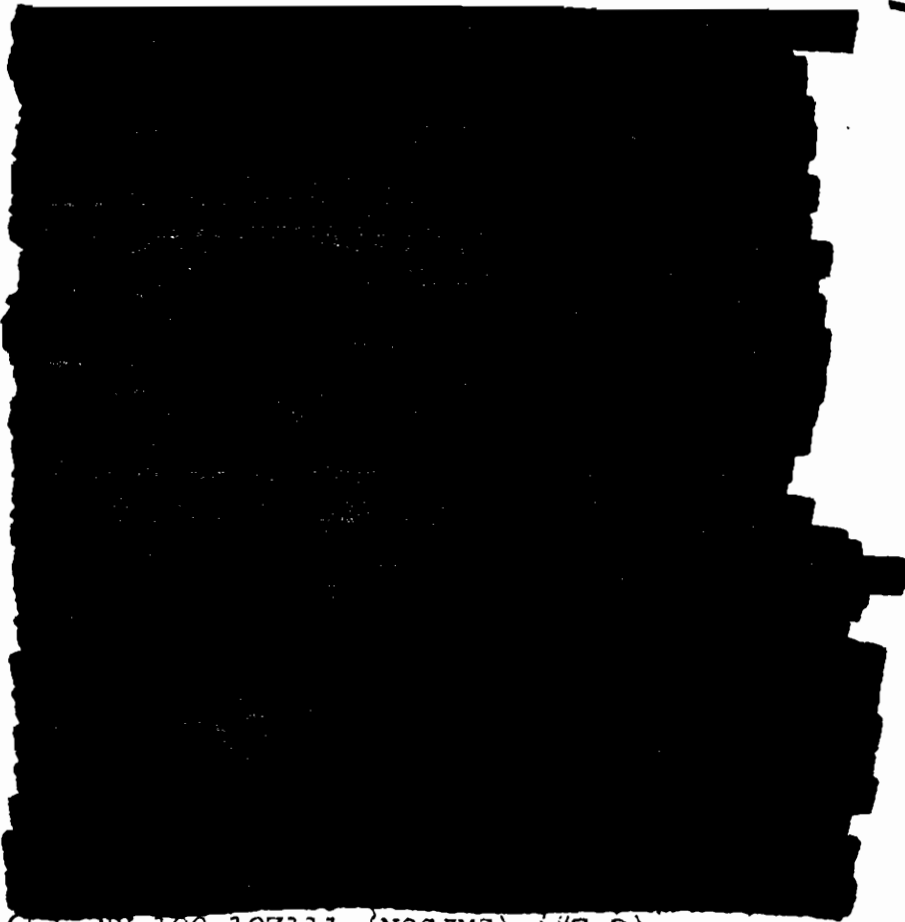
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 furnished, as set forth above,  
a written report covering a meeting of the NY Local  
SWP held Thursday, 2/27/53, at SWP Headquarters,  
116 University Place, NYC.

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The informant's report set forth that the meeting began at 8:00 p.m. and listed as present all individuals to whose file a copy of instant letter is being disseminated with the exception

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Where the full name of an individual is not known to [REDACTED] identification has been made through display of photograph to the informant or description furnished by him. b7D

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[REDACTED] further reported that the members present were urged to pay their full campaign pledge as soon as possible and DICK GARZA asked for volunteers to distribute pamphlets in regard to the SOBELL case. It was decided by the NY Local to distribute pamphlets first and follow this b7D

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with a petition signature collection on behalf of SOBELL.

It was announced, according to the informant, by ETHEL BLOCH that the social given for FARRELL and MARVEL DOBBS had been a success. An objection was made by HAYDEN PERRY to the \$1.00 admission fee charged at the social. PERRY felt that a \$.75 fee was adequate and that more than that would keep sympathizers and contacts away from SWP socials.

It was further announced according to [REDACTED] that the request of PETE and JANET KORDAKIS for a leave of absence was granted. [REDACTED] was questioned further by SA BAXTRUM on 3/5/58, regarding this, and stated that he did not know the exact reason for this action by the KORDAKISES [REDACTED]

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The informant's report continued, setting forth that the literature report was given by JOAN TABOR who advised what material was on sale.

The educational portion of the meeting, according to [REDACTED] was devoted to a discussion on the school situation in NYC. The statement was made that while in the US only one and a half cents out of every dollar went toward education, in Russia from seven to eight cents is expended for this purpose. 67D



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97078) DATE: 3/24/58  
FROM : SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, Jr. (7-3)  
SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY - NEW YORK LOCAL  
IS - SWP

Source [REDACTED] b7D  
Reliability Who has furnished reliable information in the past.  
Information furnished Membership meeting, New York Local, SWP, 3/6/58  
Date Received [REDACTED] b7D  
Received By SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, Jr.  
Location [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] furnished, as set forth above, a written report, dated 3/7/58, which described a membership meeting of the SWP held at Party headquarters, 116 University Place, New York City, on 3/6/58.

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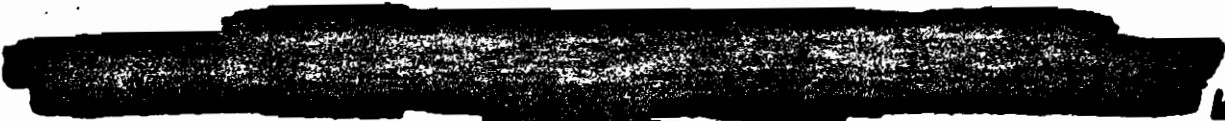

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The informant's report reflects that it was announced at the meeting that JOHN BYRNE was no longer a member inasmuch as he had written a letter saying he was resigning. BYRNE did say, however, that he remained in agreement with the political views of the SWP.

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According to  the meeting began at 8:00 p.m. with WHITEY (ART KNUITSEN) acting as Secretary, and DOUGLAS GORDON presiding as chairman. b7D

A report was given by LILLIAN KEIZEL on activities of the branch in connection with MORTON SOBELL. She reported that the branch members were still going out every week to collect petition signatures for SOBELL, and the comrades were urged to give their time to this.

AL HANSEN spoke at the meeting urging the members to pay their contributions to the present SWP fund campaign.

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A report was made by FRED HALSTEAD, according to the informant, on the garment workers, who were described by HALSTEAD as a very militant group. He said they had real grievances, and hadn't had a raise in five years. HALSTEAD pointed out that not all of the garment workers were presently on strike, and that he considered himself as "part of the field" and therefore was not one of the strikers. He requested, therefore,

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that members "please don't call me a scab." The informant's report reflects that HALSTEAD did not mention his exact line of work.

[REDACTED] further set forth that an announcement was made by ANNE CHESTER that in order to raise money for the SWP fund drive, she and her husband, BOB, would sponsor a Chinese dinner at the residence of AL and BEA HANSEN. **b7D**

All individuals to whose file a copy of instant memo is being disseminated could be identified from the informant's report as present at the above described meeting [REDACTED] **b7D**

In cases where the full name of an individual is not known to [REDACTED] or where the name is misspelled, identification has been made through display of photo to informant or description furnished by him. **b7D**

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TO SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE 3/24/58

FROM SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN

SUBJECT COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN with a reprint of an article which appeared in "The Globe and Mail", Toronto, Canada, on 1/3/55. This article compared the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case with that of DREYFUS. This reprint contained a notice that other facts and the full trial record were available at the offices of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, NY 10, NY. This reprint is maintained as an exhibit in NY 100-107111-1B373. **b7D**

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"Social Affair held March 8, 1958 at the home of Mr & Mrs Robert Basker in Skokie, Ill. Guest of honor was Uri Suhl, a writer and member of the New York Sobell Committee. He spoke on Jewish humor and used excerpts from his latest book, 'The Man on the Wooden Horse.' This affair was held and sponsored by the Chicago Sobell Committee for the express purpose of raising funds for the Sobell cause.

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"Social affair held Mar 8, 1958 at the home of Mr & Mrs Robert Basker in Skokie, Ill.

"After Uri Suhl's little talk on Jewish humor, Bob Basker introduced Haven Perkins as the new Executive Director of the Sobell Committee for the Mid-Western States. Haven brought us up to date on the Sobell case. He also told us of the small victory of getting Morton Sobell transferred from Alcatraz to the Federal prison at Atlanta. After Haven's speech Bob Basker introduced Perry Cartwright who gave the collection speech, [REDACTED]

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"Mandell Terman made an announcement that Paul Robeson will be in Chicago April 9th. An informal party in honor of his Sixtieth birthday will be held and sponsored by the Russian American Friendship Committee. Everyone was invited to attend.

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"Social affair held Mar 8, 1958 at the home of Mr\_ & Mrs\_ Robert Basker in Skokie, Ill\_

"He also informed us that Robeson has a singing engagement in Chicago April 10th & 11th [REDACTED]

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SAC (100-25530)

March 24, 1958

SA JOHN J. FOARDE

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS - C

On March 12, 1958 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing [redacted] the bank account of captioned organization for the month of February, 1958. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 1113 South Dearborn Street, Chicago. Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that this information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. b7D, E

Report is filed in [redacted] b7D

Report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
February, 1958

Opening Bal. \$433.31  
Closing Bal. 353.48

Checks

Deposits

\$ 3.09  
75.00  
51.04  
26.60  
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150.00  
\$417.83

\$ 73.00  
167.00  
98.00  
\$338.00

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26.60	Art Mimeo & Letter	LaSalle Natl - Chicago
	Service	
50.00	Cash	Us
61.60	Comm. to Secure Justice	Corn Exchange - New York
	Morton Sobell (Sobell Comm)	
.50	Service Charge	

TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-1984)

Date: 3/25/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-97078)

SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY-NEW YORK LOCAL  
IS-SWP

Source

[REDACTED] b7D

Reliability

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Information  
Furnished

Membership meeting NY  
Local SWP 2/20/58

Date Received

[REDACTED] b7D

Received By

SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR.

Location

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] furnished, as set forth above,  
a written report dated 2/20/58, which described  
a membership meeting of the NY Local SWP held b7D

1 - Newark (100-1984) (RM)

- 1 - [REDACTED] b7D
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*[Signature]*



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at party headquarters, 116 University Place, NYC,  
on 2/20/58.

According to the report submitted by [REDACTED] the meeting was very short, being completed by 9:15 p.m. Those present were asked to volunteer to distribute pamphlets on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. The informant further set forth that a letter had been received from New Jersey, thanking the NY Local for the support given during the recent election petition campaign. b7D

The informant's report further set forth that it was announced that a branch conference would be held on 3/10/58. [REDACTED]

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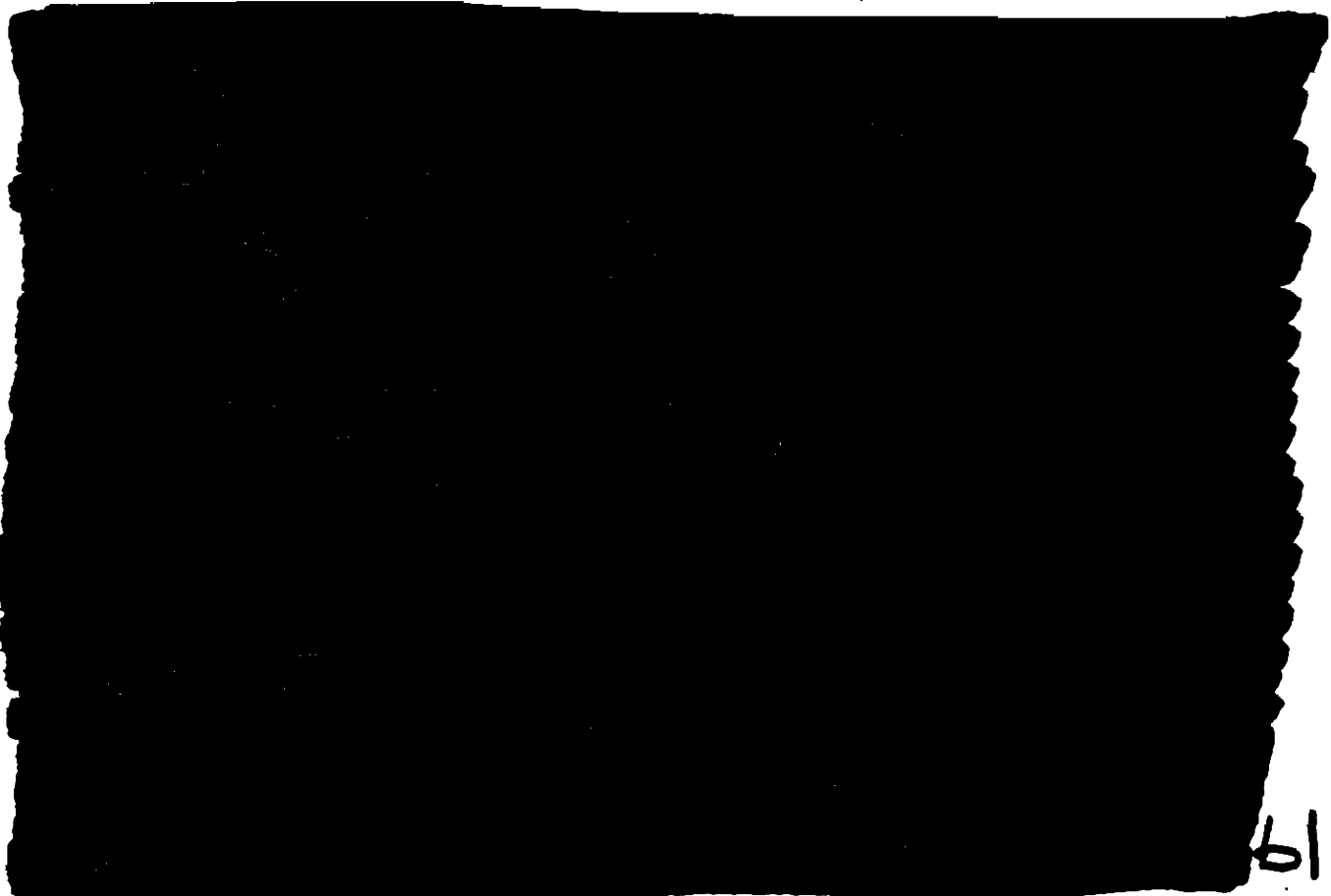
TO: SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 3-25-58

FROM: SUPERVISOR, # 18-D

SUBJECT: Room D  
440 Bldg NYC  
INTERNAL SECURITY

Mail cover (protect identity) reflects receipt of correspondence bearing above return address, by indicated establishment in NYC, on date indicated. This is submitted for indices check and such other action, in accordance with Section 105K, M. of I., as may be appropriate.



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SAC, NEW YORK (100-151994)

SA ROGER O'HARA

SUNDAY EVENING FORUM OF  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished  
reliable information in past  
(conceal). b7D

Description of In-  
formation Meeting, 3/9/58.

Date Received [redacted] b7D

Received By SA ROGER O'HARA

Original Located [redacted] b7D

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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*R. H. Stender*

3/11/53

On the night of 3/9/53, I attended the Sunday Evening Forum held at the Adelphi Hall, 74-5th Ave., N.Y.C.

About 25 persons attended this lecture. [redacted] Speaker for the forum was A. B. Magill and his topic was "Cuba, Venezuela and Argentina". b7D

[redacted]

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Text of Magill's talk was more on the whole of South America. Magill discussed the characteristics of the S.A. countries and their dependence of the U.S., he talked about U.S. dollars invested into these countries, especially in oil and in mining. The high profit that was obtained from these countries on the pretext of helping the S.A. economy. He mentioned military domination in Cuba and Puerto Rico, political intervention, by U.S. in Guatemala, cultural penetration in the movie industry etc. b7D

The discussion period that followed was short. [redacted]  
[redacted] b7D

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TO : SAC (100-107111)

DATE: 3/28/58

FROM : SA J. A. GRIMES, 7-2

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL,  
IS-C.

The 3/31/58 issue of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN, page 10, contains announcement of dinner celebrating MORTON SOBELL's transfer to be held 4/21/58, 6:30 PM, at Tavern on the Green. Reservations \$10.00.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

3/31/58

SA VINCENT J. ASCHERL

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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[REDACTED] (who has furnished reliable information in the past) on [REDACTED] made available to SA VINCENT J. ASCHERL a newspaper dated February, 1958, published by the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL. This newspaper was immediately shown to SA PHILIP SHERIDAN (7-2), which section handles the case on the substantive organization. SA SHERIDAN instructed that the newspaper be made an exhibit. The newspaper has been exhibited in 100-107111-10 885. **b7D**

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-118525)

DATE: 4/1/58

FROM: SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN

SUBJECT: BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE  
IS - C

Source

[REDACTED] b7D

Reliability

Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Date of Activity

2/22/58

Date Received

[REDACTED] b7D

Received By

SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN

Location of Original Report

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In the event this information is used in a report or otherwise disseminated outside the Bureau care must be taken to protect the identity of the informant.

A copy of the informant's report is attached herewith.

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COPY

Report on a reception held in honor of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Saturday evening, February 22, 1958 by the Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties, at the Allerton Community Center, 683 Allerton Avenue in the Bronx. About 150 people were in attendance. A fee of 1.00 was collected as admission to the affair. Most of the people present were elderly few were under thirty years old. The speakers for the evening were Ammon Hennacy, Louis Weinstock, Jacob Mindel, and Herbert Aptheker. A negro woman named Florence Holman (female, negro, 5 ft 6, 140 lbs, 45 years old, glasses) made a few introductory remarks as President of the Bronx Liberties. The Chairman for the evening was a man named Hanley (white, male, 5 ft 11, 160, lbs, glasses, about 70 yrs old, white hair, combed in an over the ear fashion) who is or was a schoolteacher. He welcomed Gurley Flynn and made a few remarks about past association with her.

The first speaker Jacob or Pop Mindel was introduced as a leading figure in the struggles for the working man. His being contemporary with Gurley Flynn was stressed. Mindel read a prepared written speech. He spoke in a low, guttural voice which coupled with his foreign accent made parts of his speech difficult to hear. He stressed the necessity of the Communist party to remain in the front of todays struggles just as they have done in the past. He made mention of the necessity of party unity to keep the party together during such trying times. According to him no political group had suffered more than the Communist party. Mindel's speech referred to Flynn's reception only in that Flynn was part of such a movement. Little attention was paid to Mindel's by the audience. It seemed they were more content with eating and talking to their friends than in listening to the speech.

A folk singer entertained between speeches she sang Irish, negro, and Jewish songs. The singer mentioned that she was part of a folk-singing group in Boston a few years ago. She was female, white, 5 ft 9 in 150 lbs, about 32 yrs old, brown hair, and has heavy built.

The next speaker was Ammon Hennacy. He was introduced as an editor of the Catholic Worker, an anarchist, a former socialist. Hennacy criticized the audience for singing the Star Spangled Banner to begin the evening. He said you don't believe it so why sing it. Hennacy related past experiences he had with Flynn in other movements. He recalled his prison days in Atlanta and compared them with Flynn's. Flynn spoke at the Catholic Worker a few weeks previous on this subject.

Bella from the Sobell Committee made an announcement between talk about the Sobell petitions to the President. She said she had petitions and anyone who cared to sign can do so by seeing her after the party.

The next speaker was Louis Weinstock. He spoke about being in jail with Pop Mindel at Waterbury. Weinstock then made an appeal for funds to defray the fines that were leveled on those who went to prison under the Smith Act. He said they ran up into the thousands and were a big financial handicap to those who had to pay them. His theme was that the Smith Act victims went to prison for you so you should help us pay for them.


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The next speaker was Herbert Aptheker. Hanley introduced him as a brilliant Marxist intellectual, and thought himself inferior to Aptheker as a teacher. Aptheker spoke about Lenin and the need to reward him during the difficult times Today. He quoted a section of an article Lenin wrote concerning party unity. The analogy was that an engine or locomotive will not run unless the track is built to run on. Aptheker thought the Communist Party had a brilliant history and that the party difficulties will be solved if all keep the engine on the track.

Gurley Flynn was the last speaker of the evening. She made mention of her trip through the mid-west and that John Gates was allowed to speak at a University and she wasn't. Flynn mentioned the need to build the Sunday Worker into a bigger and better newspaper and hoped that all would get out and sell subs. Flynn offered to speak anywhere that would want her so she could push the Worker.

The meeting broke up about 12:15 am. Several times during the course of the evening, Hanley the Chairman had to ask for less noise. The audience, an elderly one, did not pay too much attention to the speakers. About thirty negroes were noted.



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MEMO  
NY 100-133479

DATE RECEIVED: [REDACTED] b7D

RECEIVED BY:

SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR.

LOCATION: [REDACTED] b7D

The following is a verbatim report received from [REDACTED] as set forth above: b7D

COPY

Report - March 11, 1958  
Written

Business Meeting - Young Socialist Alliance -

360 West 27th Street, New York, N.Y.  
Saturday, March 8, 1958

Steve Max presided at the meeting. Present were:

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Jerry and Louise Steiner were accepted as new members. Jerry is a young man about 18, glasses, fair, 5'8", 135 lbs. Louise Steiner is a young girl about 17 or 18, light, brown hair, fair, 5'5", 120 lbs. They are



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both friends of Steve Max who put them forward for membership.

Renee gave the report from the executive on the education committee. There will be a series of six forums on three topics, the crisis in the U.S.A. 1. Recession 2 - Segregation 3. Education. The forums will be held or scheduled as soon as headquarters are determined.

Anne Finer reported on the meeting of the school committee, she said they will continue to hold meetings for action on the schools and the denial of civil rights and liberties of the students. She said the committee had contacted the Rev. Hugh Delaney of Brooklyn who is an outspoken defender of integration and student rights. She urged that he be invited to speak before the Y.S.A. on the school issue so that the Y.S.A. can be active in the struggle for full integration and for the rights of the purged students. She urged immediate action by the Y.S.A.

Steve Max gave a report on campus activities. He said that there was a movement in city college for the formation of a Young Socialist Club patterned after the Y.S.A., independent, broad, militant, likewise at Brooklyn College there are to be articles pushing the Young Socialist and the youth movement by staff members of the Kingsman, the campus paper. In Hunter College there is a small group in process, a study group. He urged everyone to buy tickets to the Scope dance to be held by ex-L.Y.L. youth. He said it was important that everyone support this dance for contacts with former LYLers.

Judy gave her report on the headquarters. She said the Hebrew Actors Union had finally refused the

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Y.S.A. their rooms and hall after contacting the Socialist Party which gave a bad report on the Y.S.A. She said she found a new place on twenty-fifth Street and sixth Avenue. It is a second story loft. The rent is \$100.00 per month. The owner already rents space to communists so there will be no problem about politics.

Tim gave no financial report but collected dues and pledges in place of Martha who was not there.

Renee urged that all-out action be done for the Sobell meeting. It is to be a big Y.S.A. affair which will make news and recruits for the Y.S.A.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

DATE: 4-3-58

FROM : SA RICHARD F. HOMAN

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS - C; ISA of 1950

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a handwritten report to SA RICHARD F. HOMAN concerning the fund raising meeting of the Morton Sobell Committee held on March 9, 1958, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. SAM GASSMAN, 4761 North Keystone Avenue, Chicago, at which the guest speaker was YURI SUHL. This report is maintained in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that 50 to 55 people attended this meeting at the home of SAM and RUTH GASSMAN. Among those who attended were: [REDACTED]

4 - New York (RM)

① - 100-107111 NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE)

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[REDACTED]

YURI SUHL, the guest speaker, has two books that are being combined for a stage play to open next fall at the Granada Theatre in New York. The play will be under the direction of EARL ROBINSON.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that YURI stated he is behind in a book he is writing, "Biography of ERNESTINE ROSE", which should have been finished a week ago, and he now hopes to give it to the publisher in June. b7D

[REDACTED]

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SUHL, according to the informant, read from his book and told stories, and DAVID SOLTNER, who introduced SUHL said that he, SUHL, is one of five trustees of the ROSENBERG children. SOLTNER also read a letter from SOBELL to his wife, commenting on his departure from Alcatraz to Atlanta where he will have library privileges. This was considered to be a victory for the Sobell Committee in which efforts Senator LANGER was a great help [REDACTED]

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HAVEN PERKINS was introduced by SOLTNER as a Rhodes scholar, a former teacher of philosophy, and SOLTNER stated he taught christian ethics at the Episcopalian Seminary in New York. PERKINS said he was in Chicago in 1944 as a CIO organizer.

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DAVID SLOTKER introduced himself and "made the collection pitch." [REDACTED]

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SLOTKER who serves as chairman of the Sobell Committee said that the Committee is operating in the black and has sent \$3,600 to the National Committee. HAVEN PERKINS is the Committee's Executive Director. PERKINS lauded the pressure the Committee has exerted by referring to two meetings in Minneapolis, one of which was addressed by HELEN SOBELL and the other by MALCOM SHARP. He said all of the national papers printed the story about SOBELL's move to Atlanta.

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[REDACTED] advised that there is a very strong resemblance between RICHARD CRILEY and HAVEN PERKINS in that they are approximately the same height and weight, each has a long face and long lower teeth and greying hair receding at the temples with a unrully tuft at the top. b7D

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: April 4, 1958

FROM : SAC [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C  
ORIGIN: NEW YORK

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [REDACTED] the following items [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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1.) [REDACTED]

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2.) [REDACTED]

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3.) One petition entitled "Appeal to the President".

4.) One petition entitled "A Petition in Behalf of MORTON SOBELL".

5.) One business reply envelope, addressed "Sobell Committee, Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York."

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The original of the above information is located in [REDACTED] file [REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [REDACTED] the following items [REDACTED]

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Letter to SAC, NEW YORK  
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April 4, 1958

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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- 1.) Press release from the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL entitled "MORTON SOBELL No Longer in Alcatraz".
- 2.) Flyer entitled "Text of Letter from MORTON SOBELL to His Wife and His Son on His Transfer from Alcatraz".

Original information is located in informant's file, [REDACTED] b7d

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [REDACTED] the following item [REDACTED] b7d

- 1.) SOBELLGRAM, dated Feb. 23. SOBELLGRAM is to Mrs. MORTON SOBELL and signed MORTY. [REDACTED] b7d

The above information is located in the informant's file, [REDACTED] b7d

The New York Division is requested to prepare photostats of the petition entitled "Appeal to the President" if it already has not done so, and forward photostats to all Offices having signers within their territories.

The above items are enclosed for the information of the New York Division.

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**AIR MAIL REGISTERED**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)**  
**FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)**  
**RE: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE;**  
**IS - C. CINAL.**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has furnished a press release concerning a "Sobell Freedom Banquet" scheduled for April 12, 1958, Park Manor Hotel, Los Angeles, at a charge of \$10.00 per plate. According to the release, the speaker will be Dr. MALCOLM SHARP, University of Chicago law professor and author of the book "Was Justice Done." Highlight of the evening is to be appearance of Mrs. MORTON SOBELL.

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REGISTERED MAIL

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
 FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)  
 SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
 FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA MARION B. HUMMEL that a meeting was held at the residence of FREDA RAPPAPORT, 4649 North 10th Street, Philadelphia, on 4/7/58, for the purpose of reviving the "Philadelphia Sobell Committee." Approximately 25 people attended this meeting. Tentative plans call for a reorganized "Philadelphia Sobell Committee" with a working committee composed of ten individuals who will comprise the central organizational structure. The committee will consist of individuals from various sections of Philadelphia and through these individuals, it is planned to set up smaller groups throughout the city. Seven individuals were selected for the working committee with three to be named later. FREDA RAPPAPORT was selected as chairman of the working committee. Tentative plans call for circulation of petitions requesting freedom for SOBELL and a collection of funds to be used in SOBELL's behalf.

- 3 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
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On 4/21/58, the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case is holding a dinner affair at the Tavern on the Green, NYC. At that time all Sobell Committees throughout the U.S. are to turn in petitions signed on SOBELL's behalf. The "Philadelphia Sobell Committee" hopes to raise at least \$200.00 prior to that date so that it may be turned in at the 4/21/58 affair.

FREDA RAPPAPORT, JEAN FRANTZIS and ELGIN CURRY have been designated as Philadelphia delegates to attend the 4/21/58 dinner.

Philadelphia has placed case in pending status and current investigation being conducted.

HENNRICH

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

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SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka  
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(OO: NY)

On 4/1/58, a trash cover maintained on the residence of SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, made available to SA PAUL E. MORRISON the following described invitation, addressed to BERNSTEIN:

"We proudly announce our Freedom Banquet honoring you in your determination for American justice; Saturday 7:00 p.m. April 12, 1958, \$10.00 per person; to be held at the Park Manor, 607 So. Western Ave., Los Angeles; National Guests...Rev. ERWIN A. GAEDR, Chairman of the evening; Auspices: Los Angeles SOBELL Committee, Hollywood 4-4725."

The above invitation is being supplied to LA as an enclosure for any disposition desired.

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, mentioned above, was identified in WFO letter to LA dated 1/30/58 in this case. P.

2 - Los Angeles (Encl. 1) (RM) *(AM)*

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